

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A kite system, comprising:

2 a kite portion; and

 a ballast portion coupled to said kite portion that moves with respect to said kite

4 portion;

 wherein said kite portion comprises a partially exposed substructure coupled to a

6 base, and

 wherein said partially exposed substructure flexes said base.

2. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said kite portion further comprises:

2 one or more masts coupled to said base portion; and

 one or more sails coupled to said one or more mast portions.

3. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said kite portion further comprises one or

2 more lateral supports coupled to said one or more said masts and said base.

4. The kite system of Claim 3, further comprising rigging coupled to said base and to

2 said one or more masts.

5. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base comprises:

2 a frame; and

a body portion couple to said frame.

6. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base is a form similar to a surfboard.

7. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base is in a form similar to a skateboard.

8. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base is in a form similar to a golf putting
2 green.

9. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base is flexible and is flexed by said
2 partially exposed substructure to cause said base to resemble a real-life configuration.

10. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion comprises:

2 a shell portion; and

fill material located within said shell portion.

11. The kite system of Claim 10, wherein said ballast portion further comprising one or
2 more coupling structures configured to couple to themselves and to said kite portion.

12. The kite system of Claim 10, wherein said ballast portion further comprising one or
2 more mesh portions coupled to said shell portion configured to allow air to pass
therethrough to the interior of said ballast.

13. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is coupled to said kite
2 above said base.

14. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is removably, selectively,
2 positionally coupled to said kite portion.

15. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion moves periodically or
2 intermittently with respect to said kite portion when in flight.

16. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is a human-like form.

17. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is an animal-like form.

18. The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is a whimsical form.

19. A kite system, comprising:

2 a base;
a substantially exposed substructure coupled to said base; and
4 one or more sails coupled to said base directly above said base.

20. The kite system of Claim 19, further comprising:

2 one or more masts configured to couple to said base and to said one or more sails,
and

4 rigging coupled to said base and said one or more masts.

21. The kite system of Claim 19, wherein said base comprises:

2 a frame; and

 a body portion coupled to said frame.

22. The kite system of Claim 19, wherein said base is flexible.

23. The kite system of Claim 19, wherein said substantially exposed substructure is
2 coupled to said base to flex said base and to provide stability for said kite.

24. A kite system, comprising:

2 a kite portion including a partially exposed substructure coupled to a base; and
 a ballast configured to pivotally couple to said kite portion.

25. A method of using a kite system, comprising:

2 coupling a substantially exposed substructure to a kite portion; and
 flying the toy such that said substantially exposed substructure stabilizes the system,
4 and a ballast moves and changes the flight characteristics of said flying toy.

26. A kite system, comprising:

- 2 a kite portion; and
- a partially exposed substructure coupled to a base;
- 4 wherein said substructure is a single rod.

27. The kite system of Claim 26, further comprising wings coupled to said base directly

- 2 above said base.

28 The kite system of Claim 26, wherein said base is flexible and is flexed by said

- 2 partially exposed substructure to cause said base to resemble a real-life configuration.

29. A kite system, comprising:

- 2 a kite portion; and
- a partially exposed substructure coupled to a base;
- 4 wherein said substructure comprises four or more rods and more than two wheel-like devices.

30. The kite system of Claim 29, further comprising wings coupled to said base directly

- 2 above said base.

31. A kite system, comprising:

- 2 a kite portion; and

a ballast portion coupled to said kite portion that moves with respect to said kite
4 portion;
wherein said kite portion comprises a partially exposed substructure coupled to a
6 base, and
wherein said partially exposed substructure flexes said base, such that said base
8 imitates a real-world configuration.

32. The kite system of Claim 31, further comprising wings coupled to said base directly
2 above said base.

33. The kite system of Claim 31, wherein said substructure is a single element.